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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

At page 1, after the title and before the first sentence, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application claims priority from Japanese Application 2000-394,225, filed December 26, 2000, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

**In the Claims:**

Please rewrite claims 3-5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16 and 19 as follows:

3. (Amended) A display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a joint angle of the display units is set to an angle at which a joint portion of said display units protrudes away from a viewer.

4. (Amended) A display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a joint angle of the display units is set to an angle at which a joint portion of said display units protrudes toward a viewer.

5. (Amended) A display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reflector that is arranged along a side of the light guide plate in a joint portion of the display units.

7. (Amended) A display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reflector that is arranged along that side of the light guide plate, which is remote from a joint portion of the display units.

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